

WEST SUSSEX (SOUTHERN) COLBOULD SANITARY DISTRICT..

10, Bulkington Avenue,  
BRIGHTON.

November. 1940.

Gentlemen,

Annual Report 1939.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circular 2067, in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics, 1939.

	Littlehampton	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population .....	17.6	15.0
Death Rate per 1,000 population .....	12.3	12.1
Corrected Death Rate .....	10.4	-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births.....	48	50

The population as given by the Registrar General on which the Birth Rate is calculated is 11,720, and that on which the Death Rate is calculated is 12,450. The factor for correction is 0.85, which gives a corrected Death Rate of 10.4.


Evacuation.

On the outbreak of war approximately 1325 children and mothers were evacuated to Littlehampton from vulnerable areas. During the last three months of the year the presence of these children caused no appreciable increase in the incidence of infectious disease. In September a Sick Bay was established at the Franciscan Convent for the reception of sick evacuee children. Up to the end of the year 25 such children received treatment.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:

Scarlet Fever (inc:2 evacuees)	11	( 26 in 1938)
Diphtheria (inc:3 evacuees)	9	( 1 in 1938)
Typhoid Fever	2	(nil in 1938)
Pneumonia	12	( 19 in 1938)
Tuberculosis	6	( 11 in 1938)
Ac. Poliomyelitis (evacuee)	1	
Erysipelas	3	
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	
Measles	2	
Whooping Cough	1	



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### Housing.

No. of houses erected during 1939:

By Private Enterprise	.....	63
By Local Authority	.....	6

Total number of dwelling houses inspected  
for housing defects (under Public Health  
and Housing Acts.) . . . 252

No. of Inspections made for the purpose 1278

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a  
state so dangerous and injurious to  
health as to be unfit for human  
habitation ..... 10

### Bacteriological Samples.

The usual samples of milk, cream and ice cream were  
taken as follows:

Milk and Cream	.....	82 ( 67 gave satisfactory results)
Ice Cream	.....	30 ( 19 gave satisfactory results)

Where the results were not satisfactory appropriate  
action was taken.

### Water.

Samples of the water supply from the Waterworks which  
were opened in 1938 have been examined regularly each month and  
were consistently satisfactory.

### Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Sanitary Inspector,  
Mr. McGarry, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not  
think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 5144  
visits and inspections were made as compared with 5618 the previous  
year.

### Staff.

Mr. Aze, the Additional Sanitary Inspector, was called up  
for military duty on September 1st., 1939 and Mr. Bebb was appointed  
Temporary Sanitary Inspector and commenced duties on April, 1st. 1940

### Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar  
General are being carefully preserved in order that after the ter-  
mination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the  
period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete  
year, so that annual records may as far as practicable, be  
continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H. Wilshaw,  
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Littlehampton Urban District Council.

